THE FIGURE OF FOURE:

eing a New Booke, Containing many merry Conceits, which will yield both Pleaſure and Profit to all that reads or heare it.

THE LAST PART.

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To the Reader.

THis little fruit of no little labour gathered together & bound up in this little Paper, for the better use of them, that can and will consider of the nature of every one of his right kind, I kindly commit to your acceptations, assuring my selfe that being free from taxing of any, and far from abuse, but of abusers: hoping that som wil receive good in the memory of what they reade, and no Horse will kicke, except his back be

galled ; I leave it to the wide worl
to take ſuch fortune as will fall out.

And ſo loth to make a long Supper o
little meat, wiſhing you to take the be
and leave the worſt, and breake none
of the pale, I reſt,

Your wel-willer
in a great matter,

N. B.

The

THE PROLOGUE.

KInd Friends and Neighbours
which are come to ſee,
Or heare ſtrange Newes,
give eare a while to me:
Here's that which cannot chuſe
but make you ſmile,
If you be pleaſed
to liſten to't awhile.
'Twas Written and Printed
for to move Delights,
And paſſe away
the weary winter nights:
When Folks ſits by the fire,
themſelves to warme,
The reading of this Booke
will doe no harme.
Warme Clothes, brave fires,
ſoft Ale will nouriſh blood,
And this ſame new Conceit
will doe you good.

THE LAST PART
of the Figure of
FOURE.

THere are foure things greatly to be taken heed of: a flye in the eye, a bone in the throat, a dog at the heele, and a thief in the houſe.

2 There are foure bitter things that are uſed for neceſſity: Rubert, Gall, Wormwood, and a dogged wife.

3 There are foure grievous lacks to a great many in the World: lack of health, lack of wealth, lack of wit, and lack of honeſty.

4 There be foure eſpeciall poore Schollers in the world: Petty-foggers, Quackſalvers, Balladmakers, and A. B. C. Schoole-maſters.

5 There are foure things ill to be

proud of: a painted face, a pacht bo-
dy, a pide coat, and a paultry wit.

6 There are foure things fair at the
firſt ſight: new books, fat horſes, freſh
colours, and ſlikt faces.

7 There are four ſtrange men in the
world: they that make a God of their
Gold, an angel of the Divel, a paradiſe
of their pleaſure, and glory of their
pride.

8 There are foure notes of an excel-
lent wit: to learn that which is good,
to labour for that which is neceſſary,
to foreſee a miſchief, and to forget
that which cannot be recovered.

9 There be four jeſts of wit: to hope
for dead mens goods, to truſt to the
word of a bankrupt, to be in love with
a lewd Quean, and to tell newes after
a Carrier.

10 There be foure things very un-
comfortable: to lye in bed and cannot
ſleepe,

sleepe, to sit at meat and have no stomack, to see musick and cannot heare it, and to want money and cannot come to it.

11 There are foure persons not to be believed: a Horse-courser when he sweares, a whore when she weeps, a Lawyer when he pleads false, and a traveller when he tels wonders.

12 There are foure persons not to be trusted: a foole, a flatterer, an atheist and an enemy.

13 There are foure ill houses to go into: a smokie house, a rotten house, a lowsie house, a bawdy house.

14 There are foure things very hurtful for the stomack: raw flesh, stale fish, musty bread, and sowre drink.

15 There are foure silly fooles in the world: he that followes a shaddow, starts a flea, drown an Eele, and makes love to a picture.

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16 There are foure great tryals of wit: to chuſe a friend & keep him, to conceale adverſity with patience, to be thrifty without covetouſneſſe, and to live out of the feare of the Law.

17 There are foure ſuſpitions of a perfect wit: to truſt in unfaithfulneſs, to ſhew unthankfulneſs, to advance unworthineſſe, & to nouriſh wickedneſſe.

18 There are foure great Cyphers in the world: he that is lame among dancers, dumbe among Lawyers, dull among Schollers, and rude amongſt Courtiers.

19 Foure kinds of men may be well ſpared: a ſwaggerer among civil people, a theefe among true men, an Atheiſt among the Religious, and a Jew among Chriſtians.

20 Foure ſorts of people are very troubleſome: fooles among wiſe men,

borrowers

borrowers among Rich men, cowards among ſouldiers, and beggars among Courtiers.

21 There are foure wicked kinds of ſcoffers: they that ſcoffe at the honeſt, at the wiſe, at the learned, or at the poore.

22 There a foure knaves much dealt withal in the winter ſeaſon: the knave of Clubs, the knave of Hearts, the knave of Spades, and the knave of Diamonds.

23 There are foure baſe profeſſions: a Wittall, a Cuckold, a Bawd, and a Begger.

24 There are foure cloſe-catchers in the world: a Rat catcher, a Mouſe-catcher, a Foole-catcher, & a Cony-catcher.

25 There are foure chief lights: the light of ſence, the light of Reaſon, the light of grace & the light of glory.

26 There

26 There are foure ſundry kindes of Loves: the love of God, the love of men, the love of women, and the love of children.

27 Four kinds of men hateful in a Commonwealth: a paraſite, an hypocrite a mutiner, and a murtherer.

28 There are foure great ſokers of a mans eſtate, long ſickneſſe, a coſtly wife, a ſleepie eye, and a proud prodigall ſpirit.

29 There are foure ill wayes for a thiefe: the way to the priſon, the way to the Judge, the way to the Gallows, and the way to hell.

30 There are foure terrible ſounds in the world: the report of a Canon, a clap of thunder, the doom of a Judg, and the ſcolding of a ſhrewd woman, and that I am too often troubled withall.

31 There are foure natural skippers: a Flea,

a Flea, a Frog, a Graſhopper, and a Cat.

32 There are foure chiefe Smellers: Deere, Doggs, Ravens, and Smell-feaſts.

33 There are foure things ſeldome ſeene, a begger to grow rich, and an Uſurer to grow bountiful, a foole to grow wiſe, and a baggage to become honeſt.

34 There are foure creatures of more charge then profit: Patrats, Monkies, foyſting dogs, and fidling wenches.

35 Foure pittifull objects to a good eye: a wiſe man diſtracted, a City ruined, a ſhip on fire, & an Armie defeated.

36 Foure kinds of fine fooles: he that thinkes himſelfe wiſe and is not, he that ſpends all to be thought bountifull, he that pines himſelf to leave to another, and he that believes a

Queans

Queans love.

37 There be foure things of much ſtrength; love, health, wit, and patience.

38 Foure excellent vertues in a Virgin: ſilence, humility, conſtancy, and devotion.

39 Foure great bleſſings to a wife, a modeſt eye, a kind ſpirit, a painefull hand, and a true heart.

40 Foure notes of a divine Nature: to regard him whom the world ſcornes, to love him whom the world hateth, to help him whom the world hurteth, and to advance him whom the world overthroweth.

41 There are foure chiefe notes of a good huſwife: early riſing, cloſe gathering, ſafe keeping, and well beſtowing.

42 There are foure things goe commonly together: a fleering face, a leering

ring eye, a flattering tongue, and a falſe heart.

43 There are foure fearefull judgements: ſudden madneſſe, ſudden war, ſudden ruine, and ſudden death.

44 Foure kinds of Vermine do very much hurt where they come: Mice among cheeſe, weezles among Conies, Moules among Gardens, and whoores among Gallants.

45 Foure things are tedious to many good minds: a long tale, a long winter, a long faſting, and a long voyage.

46 Foure things weary out a good minde; imployment without reward, oppreſſions without relief, cruel Creditors, and importunate beggers.

47 Foure things to be taken heed of, an intruding friend, a flattering ſervant, a wanton wife, and a wicked neighbour.

48 There

48 There be four chiefe horſes for ſervice: the war-horſe for the ſouldier, the hackney for the poſt, the Cart-horſe for the farmer, and the hobbi-horſe for the morris dance.

49 Four men to be baniſhed al good commpeny: a lyer, a ſwarer, a quarreller, and a tale-teller,

50 Foure kinds of women much ſet a worke: a mid-wife, a milke-maid, a market-woman, and a mealewoman.

51 Foure kinds of cleanly wenches: a dary wench, a ſhop wench, a needle wench, and a ſtarch wench.

52 Fovre kinds of black men: a Moor, a Collier, a Smith, and a Scullion.

53 Foure white woman: the Lady White, Miſtris White, Goodwife White, and Widow White.

54 Foure needfull eyes in a Tavern: an eye to the gueſt, and an eye to the plate, an eye to the ſcore, and an eye to

the doore,

55 Foure things goe through many things, wit, art, experience, & mony.

56 Foure dayes welcome to Scholers, Chriſtmas day, Shrove tueſday, Eaſter day, and Whitſunday.

57 Foure kinds of men not to be ſtood againſt: Magiſtrates and Potentates, Judges and Generals.

58 Four things grievouſly empty: a head without braines, wit without judgment, a heart without honeſty, and a purſe without money.

59 Four diſeaſes hardly to be cured: the gout in an old man, the green ſickneſſe in a woman, the farcie in an old horſe, and the rot in a ſheep.

60 Four chiefe comforts to the ſenſe of nature: health, liberty, mirth, and money.

61 Foure chiefe nuts in the world: the Cheſtnut, the Wall nut, the ſmall

nut, and the ſoft nut,

62 Foure chiefe muſicall birds: the Nightingale, the Larke, the Linnet, & the Robin-redbreſt.

63 Foure little labourers: the Bee, the Ant, the Silkewerm, and Spider.

64 Foure kinds of beaſtly men in the world, a glutton, a drunkard, a lecher, and a Bawd.

65 Foure kinds of theeves worthy to be hang'd: horſe-ſtealers, cut-purſes, houſe-breakers, and pick-pockets.

66 Foure things good in a Gooſe: her quils for pens, her feathers for pillows, her fleſh for the diſh, and her grace for the ache.

67 Foure excellent medicines for many diſeaſes: moderation, exerciſe, mirth, and patience.

68 Foure things ill for a Carrier: lean horſes, narrow ware, foule weather, and foggy women.

69 Foure

69 Foure great in-liers: a woman that lies in Child-bed, a knave that lies in wait, a whore that lies in a ſweat, and a madman that lies in Bedlam.

70 Foure preſent eaſes for foure great paines: to ſcratch for the itch, to break wind for the collick, to piſſe for the ſtone, and to ſweat for the cold.

71 There are foure kinds of ugly objects: a ſcabby Jade, a mangy dog, a lowſie knave, and a pockie whore.

72 Foure chiefe Doves in the world: the Turtle Dove, the Wood Dove, the Ring Dove, and the houſe Dove.

73 Foure perillous ſnares to fal into: the ſnare of an Uſurer, the ſnare of a lewd woman, the ſnare of a flatterer, and the ſnare of the Divel.

74 Foure ſtrange ſports: to ſee a Beare hunt a wild duck, an Ape kiſſe an Owle, a Gooſe bite a fox, and a Squirrill hunt a Coney.

75 Foure ſweet Trades in a Citie: Sugar men, Comfitmakers, perfumers and Noſegaymakers.

79 Foure ſpeedie paſſengers in the world: a bird throw the aire, a ſhip thorow the ſea, a word from the mouth, and a thought from the mind.

77 Four round walkers in the world: a wheele, a ſpindle, a bowle and a mil-ſtone.

78 Foure tokens of foule weather: aches in the limbs, ſleepineſſe in the head, ſweating of ſtones, & darkneſſe of weather.

79 Foure tokens of faire weather, when the Robin red breſt ſings early: when the Bee works earneſtly, when the Spider keeps home, and the Swallow flyes merrily.

80 Four creatures are great ſpoilers where they come. hogs among peaſe, Deer among corne, cats among milk-

pans

pans, and Whales among Herings.

81 Foure hard dayes in the yeare: Good friday for Schollers, for then they faſt; Aſh wednesday for Papiſts for then they muſt be whipt: Rentday for poore folks, for then theymuſt pay their Landlords: and the Execution day for theeves, for then they muſt be hanged.

81 Foure things much talkt of, and little found: wiſdome, vertue, honeſty and conſcience.

82 Foure creatures goe willingly to their buſineſſe: a Bride to Church, a boy to breakfaſt, an Heire to his Land, and a ſweet heart to his love.

83 Foure things are ſoon out: a candle out of his light, a foole out of his tale, an eye out of his ſight, and a prodigall out of his patrimony.

84 Foure things ill for the earth: a winters thunder, a ſummers froſt, a long

long drouth, and a ſuddain flood.

85 Foure vile things in nature; to be unkind to a wife, unnatural to a child, untrue to a Maſter, unthankfull to a friend.

86 Foure offenders not to be pardoned: he that will not be admonished, he that will outface a lye, he that will not amend, and he that delights in his wickedneſſe.

87 Foure coſtly ſpots in the world: the ſpots on the cards, the ſpots on the dice, the ſpots on embroideries, and the ſpots on ill tongues.

88 Foure men needfull in an Armie: a good Commander, a good Scout, a good Sentinel, and a good gunner.

89 Foure things much talkt of and little uſed: Wildome, Vertue, honeſty and conſcience.

90 Foure excellent properties belonging to honeſt men: to be faithfull in

in promiſe, to be true in performance, to be Reſonable in their actions, and to be charitable to the poore.

91 There are foure ſharp weapons that wounds deeply when they come: the eye of a Cockatrice, the ſting of a Viper, the point of a Rapier, and the tongue of a ſcoulding Quean.

92 There are foure things odious to behold: to ſee a ſervant Ride and his Maſter goe on foote, to ſee a Kitchin-maid goe finer then her Miſtris, to ſee a Knave take the wal of a Gentleman, and to ſee a Begger-wench in a black bagge.

93 Foure things good in winter: good fire, good company, good liquor, and money to pay for't.

94 Foure ſums are very good for a Bookeſeller, ſome wares, ſome cuſtomers, ſome money, ſome drink.

Now

The laſt Part

Now courteous Friends,
I hope I have pleaſed you well,
In this rare newes
which I did you tell:
I pray pleaſe me as well,
draw forth your money,
All that here's read
will coſt you but a penny.

L. P.

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